PROCLAMATION

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Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in the Texas House of Representatives in the membership of District No. 43, which consists of Brooks, part of Cameron, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties; and

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code Section 203.002, requires that a special election be ordered upon such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Tex. Elec. Code Sec. 203.013, requires that the special election be expedited and shall be held on a Tuesday or Saturday occurring not earlier than the 21st day or later than the 45th day after the date the election is ordered, and

WHEREAS, Tex. Elec. Code Sec. 3.003, requires the election to be ordered by proclamation of the Governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK PERRY, GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special election to be held in House District No. 43 on Tuesday, April 15, 2003, for the purpose of electing a State Representative for District No. 43 to serve the remainder of the term of the Honorable Irma Rangel.

Candidates who wish to have their names placed on the special election ballot must file their applications with the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2003.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, April 7, 2003, in accordance with Tex. Elec. Code Sec. 85.001(d).

A copy of this order will be mailed immediately to the County Judges of Brooks, Cameron, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties; and all appropriate writs will be issued and all proper proceedings will be followed to the end that said election may be held to fill the vacancy in District No. 43 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my Office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 25th day of March, 2003.

RICK PERRY Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE 3:20pm. O'CLOCK

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